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At the Director's Staff Meeting this morning, Mr. McConnel raised the question of the January 15th deadline for the compilation of the supporting data for the Marshall letter. He stated that if this were to be completed by Monday, it would mean working all Saturday and Sunday. General Smith stated that while it was urgent that this data should be discussed in detail with Army and Defense, the time could be extended somewhat. Mr. Jackson concurred in this, and the supporting data will be prepared as soon as possible with no fixed target date.

Mr. Reber submitted the attached list of high level liaison contacts. Mr. Dulles questioned whether contacts with FBI have been cleared with Colonel Edwards, and was assured that this was so. The list of contacts was submitted to Mr. Reber by the Assistant Director. The Director was in some doubt as to whether the most effective use was being made of our liaison contacts, and Mr. Reber agreed that perhaps this needed a little more study. Both the Director and the Deputy Director, however, want to be sure that there is no excessive duplication in liaison contacts.

In relation to the above, Mr. McConnel stated that Colonel Collins of Mrs. Rosenberg's office had called Mr. Kelly and proposed that they talk directly on personnel matters. The Director agreed that this was a proper liaison channel.

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